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1. NOVEMBER 12 ECG WORKING PARTY MEETING ACCEPTED BOTH TURKEY AND SPAIN AS CHARTER MEMBERS. (,NOTE: GROUP INDICATED IT ALSO PREPARED ACCEPT NEW ZEALAND, ALTHOUGH FINAL GNZ DECISION NOT YET KNOWN -- FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON GNZ POSITION SEE SEPTEL. SITUATION CONCERNING NEUTRALS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. TURKEY: DATA PROVIDED BY TURKISH REP INDICATES TURKEY HAD 69 DAYS,UNDER IEP DEFINITION, AS OF 30 JUNE 1974. HE SAID THEIR EARLIER PROJECTION OF STOCKS FOR DECEMBER 31, 1974, MADE BEFORE TURKEY HAD GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO JOINING IEP, WAS 43 DAYS. ONCE GOT BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN IEP HOWEVER, IT EMBARKED ON PROGRAM TO BRING IN INCREMENTAL IMPORTS TO BUILD UP STOCKS. HE SAID TURKEY ALSO HAD SOME STANDBY PRODUCTION, AS MUCH AS 20 PERCENT OF NORMAL CONSUMPTION, WHICH COULD BE CALLED ON TO HELP FULFILL SELF-SUFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS. (NOTE: OECD ENERGY DIRECTORATE REP LANTZKE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT TURKEY'S STANDBY CAPACITY WAS ACTUALLY THIS LARGE BUT IT WOULD STILL PROVIDE SOME FLEX-IBILITY IN HELPING TURKEY MEET SELF-SUFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS). TURKISH REP SAID GOT ALSO HAS DRAFT LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO BUILD STOCKS TO 90 DAY. CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF JOINING PROGRAM, TURKEY MEETS SELF-SUFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF STOCKS, ALTHOUGH GOT SHOULD PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BRING ACTUAL STOCK LEVEL UP TO MINIMUM 60 DAY LEVEL. ECG WORKING PARTY CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT ALLOCATION RIGHTS OF TURKEY AND OTHER
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MEMBER COUNTRIES IN PROGRAM WOULD OF COURSE BE CALCULATED AGAINST STIPULATED 60 DAY STOCKPILE FIGURE.

3. SPAIN: EXAMINATION OF SPANISH DATA INDICATED THAT SPAIN HAS STOCKS WELL IN EXCESS OF 60 DAY REQUIREMENT AND GROUP FORESAW NO DIFFICULTIES FOR GOS IN MEETING ELF-SUFFICIENCY OBLIGATIONS UNDER PROGRAM. SPANISH REP ALSO INDICATED AT MEETING THAT GOS MAY SEEK TO MAKE

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A UNILATERAL STATEMENT AT TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE
AGREEMENT AFFIRMING THEIR VIEW THAT PARTICIPATION IN
IEP IS COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR OBJECTIVE OF
COOPERATION AND AN IMPROVED DIALOGUE BETWEEN PRODUCERS
AND CONSUMERS. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH USDEL,
SPANISH REP STRESSED THAT STATEMENT WOULD IN NO WAY
AFFECT POLITICAL OR LEGAL FORCE OF GOS COMMITENT TO THE
PROGRAM AND PROMISED TO CIRCULATE A DRAFT IN ADVANCE OF
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